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In re Patent Application of ) Attorney Docket No.: **SUGI0166**  
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Serial No.: 10/597,343 ) Confirmation No.: 9535  
Filed: July 20, 2006 ) Group Art Unit: 3753  
For: METHOD FOR WATER ) Examiner: William M. McCallister  
HAMMERLESS OPENING OF FLUID )  
PASSAGE, AND METHOD FOR )  
SUPPLYING CHEMICAL )  
SOLUTIONS AND DEVICE FOR )  
WATER HAMMERLESS OPENING )  
FOR WHICH THE METHOD IS USED )  
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, this Information Disclosure Statement in connection with the above-identified application is being filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c).

Applicants bring to the Examiner's attention co-pending application no. 11/762,987, filed June 14, 2007 relating to similar subject matter (United States Patent Application Publication Document 1). The documents identified on form PTO/SB/08 are cited in said co-pending application. Their relevance is believed to be clear from their relationship to the

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subject matter of the present application. Accordingly, no further comment regarding the disclosures of these documents is believed to be required. A copy of each non-U.S. document identified on the attached Forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B is attached, however, in accordance with Official Gazette Notice dated August 5, 2003, copies of the U.S. patents and patent application publications are not attached.

It is respectfully requested that the attached documents be considered and officially cited, and that the Examiner initial a copy of Forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B, and return them to the undersigned to indicate that the documents have been considered.

The requisite fee of \$180.00 is attached herewith. It is believed that the present Information Disclosure Statement complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97-8, but the Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1281.

Respectfully submitted,  
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